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This is to Certify, That.....

was admitted a member of

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On the.....*Sleep*.....*Moon G. S. D.*

.....*Chief of Records*

CONSTITUTION

Realizing the great good of a perfect unity of men to associate themselves together for the benefits of all in assisting each other to maintain a higher degree of morality — to assist each other in times of adversity — to advance and promulgate the great fundamental principle of Freedom, Friendship and Charity — as taught by the Improved Order of Red Men — we do hereby associate ourselves together in one common unity for such purpose — and declare the following to be our Constitution and By-Laws.

BI-LAWS

ARTICLE I

OBJECT

Section 1. To promote the interests and welfare of the Improved Order of Red Men, by admitting those as brothers who are duly qualified and regularly admitted to membership.

ARTICLE II

NAME

Section 1. This Tribe shall be known and designated as Newasa Tribe, No. 190, Improved Order of Red Men of Indiana.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of this Tribe shall be such as are prescribed by the Great Council of Indiana, and their duties shall be as therein set forth.

Section 2. The elections of Tribal Chiefs shall be held at the first regular Councils of Hot and Hunting Moons and no elected Chief shall be raised up until he has proven himself qualified for the stump.

There shall also be elected in Hunting Moon, a member of the Wigwam Board, who shall serve for a period of three Great Suns. He must attend Tribal meetings regularly, as Section 6, Article 13, applies to this member also.

Section 3. The nomination of candidates for elective Chieftaincies shall be made on Seven Suns preceding the Council for elections and candidates must be clear and free from all charges on the books.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. To become a member of this Tribe the applicant must believe in the existence of a Supreme Being. He must be of good moral character, industrial habits, and possessed of some known reputable support, and be free from all infirmity and disease. He must also be not under sixteen (16) Great Suns of age, or over fifty (50) Great Suns of age, and be by birth or naturalization a citizen of the United States, and must have resided in the Hunting Grounds six Moons. Provided, that any applicant over fifty (50) Great Suns of age may become a member when his application is accompanied by a waiver of rights to all benefits. Waiver must be made out in form as specified in General Laws, Section 1, Article 5. The admittance fee for said applicant shall be ten ($10.00) Fathoms, to be paid when application is presented.

Section 2. Any applicant must be recommended by two brothers in good standing, and the application must be accompanied by the initiation fee.

Section 3. If an applicant who has been elected and notified of his election fails to appear for adoption for six regular adoption nights, he shall, unless he gives a satisfactory excuse, be declared rejected and the application fee retained by the Tribe.

Section 4. If a paleface is elected to membership and previous to the adoption, the Tribe obtains information of immoral conduct, it may refuse to adopt such paleface and refund the application fee, such action to be determined upon the presentation of information, either verbally or in writing, by majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE V

STATED AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular council of this Tribe shall be held in the Wigwam every Thursday Sleep, at the Eighth Run, at 2909 East Tenth Street.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Tribe may be called by the Sachem on the request of seven members of the Tribe, said requests to be presented in writing, stating the object of the council, and no other business shall be transacted at such council than that for which it is called.

Section 3. When seven brothers petition the Sachem for the calling of a special meeting, they shall be present, unless detained by sickness or some other reasonable excuse.

Section 4. When special meetings, for amending our By-Laws, all brothers shall be notified so as to be at Tribe the third reading.

Section 5. Seven or more Chief's Degree members, including one qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business, but if a quorum only be present, no Wampum shall be appropriated, except for benefits, without unanimous consent.

ARTICLE VI

FEES

Section 1. The fees for all degrees and one-quarter dues shall be twelve Fathoms and fifty inches when the paleface is not over forty Great Suns of age, one additional Fathom for each Great Sun over forty, not to exceed fifty Great Suns.

Section 2. Red Men admitted by card must pay a fee of five Fathoms if under forty Great Suns of age; if over forty

Great Suns of age, one Fathom additional for each Great Sun.

Section 3. Any brother in good standing may obtain a withdrawal card by paying a fee of one dollar.

Section 4. Any brother suspended for non-payment of dues may apply for reinstatement, such application to be referred to a committee who shall investigate into the character and health of the applicant, and report at the next stated Council of the Tribe, when a ballot shall be taken. If the ballot is fair, the applicant will be reinstated, but if the ballot is not fair, three or more Twigs against him, the applicant will be rejected, and the money refunded. Applications for reinstatements shall be accompanied by a fee of seven Fathoms and fifty inches, which shall include one quarter's dues.

ARTICLE VII
DUES

Section 1. Each member of the Tribe shall pay into the Wampum Belt the sum of two Fathoms and fifty inches ($2.50) per quarter or ten ($10.00) Fathoms each Great Sun (out of which the Orphan Fund shall be paid), which shall be due and payable on the last sleep in Warm (March), Hot (June), Corn (September), and Hunting (December) Moons. The dues for non-Beneficial Members shall be one Fathom and fifty inches each quarter or six Fathoms each Great Sun. All dues are payable in advance.

ARTICLE VIII
DEATH BENEFITS

Section 1. At the decease of a brother in good standing in this Tribe, the sum of one-hundred Fathoms of Wampum shall be appropriated from the Wampum Belt of the Tribe for the purpose of defraying funeral expenses of the

deceased brother, which the Sachem shall immediately cause to be paid to the funeral director having charge of the funeral. No funeral benefits will be paid when a brother came to his death wilfully by his own hand.

Section 2. At the decease of a brother's wife, the sum of thirty-five Fathoms of Wampums shall be paid to the funeral director having charge of the funeral, provided the brother is in good standing with the Tribe, and entitled to benefits and, provided, they are living together at the time of her death; provided further, that this death benefit shall be paid for the death of one wife only, and shall not be paid when a brother's wife came to her death wilfully by her own hand.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. The Sachem, Senior and Junior Sagamore shall, by virtue of their Chieftaincies, act as a Relief Committee of the Tribe, whose duties it shall be to visit a brother upon being informed of his inability to follow the hunt, and the result of the investigation shall be reported at the next regular Council, in writing and the Sachem shall act as Chairman of the Committee.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Relief Committee to visit a sick brother at least once in Seven Suns, during his disability, and report to the Tribe his condition in writing, and one of the Relief Committee shall visit the brother within forty-eight runs (48 hours) after being reported unable to follow the hunt.

Section 3. If a Brother is unable to follow the Hunt and his disability be not of such a nature as to confine him to his private Wigwam, it will be his duty to report his condition to the Tribe, or cause it to be reported once every Seven Suns.

ARTICLE X
FUNERALS

Section 1. Circumstances of all the individual members of the Tribe that can attend all funerals of deceased Brothers in good standing and escort the remains to its last resting place, and there perform the ceremony as prescribed by the Great Council, should do so.

Section 2. If the Tribe at any time should see fit for the Chief of Records to notify all Brothers, either verbally or by mail, of the death of a Brother, let it be governed by the members present.

ARTICLE XI
NOTICES

Section 1. Every Brother of this Tribe moving or changing his residence shall notify the Chief of Records within two weeks after such removal.

Section 2. The Chief of Records or Collector of Wampum shall cause due notices to be sent to all members before the last Council Sleep in Warm, Hot, Corn and Hunting Moons. All Brothers should pay their dues to the Chief of Records or Collectors, Collector being optional to the Tribe.

Section 3. Each Brother bringing in an applicant shall notify them at the proper time to present themselves for initiation.

Section 4. The Chief of Records should cause notices sent out to all delinquent Brothers at the end of each quarter, and how much they are in arrears to be sent in sealed envelope.

ARTICLE XII
BONDS

Keeper of Wampum, Collector of Wampum (if any), Chief of Records, and three Trustees shall be bonded for amount, in accordance with amount of funds in their keeping, premiums on bonds to be paid by Tribe.

ARTICLE XIII
COMPENSATION FOR CHIEFS

Section 1. The Chief of Records shall receive for his services the sum of one Fathom for each Sleep he may attend the Councils of the Tribe, in addition to his quarterly dues, for the proper and faithful performance of his duties, as prescribed by By-Laws and General Laws.

Section 2. The Keeper of Wampum shall receive for his services twenty-five Inches per Sleep and his dues.

Section 3. Trustees shall receive for their services one Fathom per quarter each.

Section 4. The Musician shall receive for his services a reasonable fee, which will be governed by the Tribe.

Section 5. The Chief of Records on the last Sleep of each quarter shall draw an order in favor of salaried officers for the amount of their salaries.

Section 6. An officer absenting himself three successive meeting nights, without a reasonable excuse, shall be notified by the Chief of Records to present himself and show cause why his office should not be declared vacant by the Sachem and the office be filled by an election immediately; nominate the first night and elect the following night.

ARTICLE XIV
DUTIES OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. The Trustees shall have the general control

and investment of such portion of the Wampum of the Tribe as may be set apart for the purpose, and shall manage the same in such a manner as may be prescribed by the Tribe and shall keep a record or an account of their transactions in a book to be provided and kept for that purpose, and shall have the care and safe keeping of all notes, etc., belonging to the Tribe, and shall deliver them over to their successors in office.

ARTICLE XV
TRIALS AND PUNISHMENTS

Section 1. Article XVI of the Code of Laws of the Great Council of Indiana, 1911, G.S.D. 420, insofar as said article defines offenses and prescribes the procedure of all trials and punishments of members of Subordinate Tribes, is hereby adopted and made a part of these By-Laws, and all enactments and amendments thereto from time to time.

ARTICLE XVI
IMPROPER CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Any Brother should not divulge the secrets of the Order to a paleface, nor create discord and discontent in this Tribe, but should always conduct himself as a true Red Man. Rough language and boisterous conduct of all kinds, during the burning of the Council Fire is strictly forbidden. The Sachem, Senior Sagamore and Junior Sagamore should enforce this, that our Tribe may be governed by parliamentary rule with good decorum.

ARTICLE XVII
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. No part of the amount received by this Tribe for adoption, degrees or deposit of cards, shall be returned

to the applicant, either by donation, rebate, gifts or credit upon the books as dues paid.

Section 2. Members suspended for misconduct shall be subject to the regular payment of dues, though deprived of benefits. If they fail to pay dues regularly, they shall be subject to penalties provided in Article XVIII in the Code of Laws for the government of Tribes.

Section 3. Any transaction to draw upon, appropriate, or change the investment of any Wampum of the Tribe shall be on order of the Tribe only.

Section 4. In order to receive a Past Sachem pin, the elected Sachem must be present two-thirds of the meetings in the term for which he is elected.

Section 5. All checks must be signed by the Keeper of Wampum, the Chief of Records or Collector of Wampum and countersigned by the Sachem.

Section 6. All candidates for Representative to the Great Council must be Past Sachems, who have attended at least a majority of the Tribal meetings of the term in which the election is held.

Section 7. Members of this Tribe sending remittances by mail, shall send same by Postal Money Order, Express Money Order, or Bank Check, and be made payable to Newasa Tribe No. 190. If currency is sent it will be at the risk of the sender. Members paying dues through a third party do so at their own risk. A stamped envelope must be sent for return of receipt.

Section 8. A member in arrears for five Moons shall be notified that unless such arrearages or portion thereof shall be discharged within thirty Suns, he shall be suspended. Notice shall be mailed to his last known place of residence.

Any member six Moons in arrears for dues, after being properly notified as above stated, upon a majority vote of the Tribe present, shall be suspended by the declaration of the presiding Chief in open Council, and a record thereof spread upon the minutes.

Section 9. All laws and parts of laws of the Great Council of Indiana, and all new enactment or amendments of either these By-Laws or the Laws of the Great Council of Indiana are hereby made a part of these By-Laws, and shall be taken and construed as the laws of this Tribe.

Section 10. In the absence of any law of the Order touching a given case, the Tribe is governed in its proceedings by Roberts Rules of parliamentary usage.

Section 11. Every member should be entitled to a copy of these By-Laws of this Tribe.

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